

BICC GENERAL MEETING

November 1, 1971

Minutes of the BICC General Membership Meeting held on Monday, November 1, 1971, at Vail Hall, N.J. Bell Telephone Co., 540 Broad Street, Newark, N.J.

ATTENDANCE

~Roland E. Stewart - Exec. Director
 ~Marshall Wolf - Co-chairman
 ~Richard Proctor - Co-chairman
 ~Barbara Parker
 ~Paul T. McDonnell
 ~Julius Foster
 ~Robert T. Neff
 ~Ken Donaldson
 ~Horace Hunt
 ~Edwin Bess
 ~Helen W. Fullilove
 ~Eugene Campbell
 ~Richard Bregstein
 ~W.G. Kosky
 ~Marie Gonzalez
 ~Rafael Lozodo
 ~Adolfo Noguera
 ~C. O'Connor
 ~Dennis D. McCarthy
 ~F.A. Gibson
 ~John A. Griffith
 ~G.J. VanBark
 ~H. M. Groce
 ~Elsie H. Wilson
 ~Charles W. Breese
 ~Joe Donahan
 ~Joe Greene
 ~Royce Boone
 ~Leslie Rupprecht
 ~J. W. Helmsdarter
 ~Tony O'Flaherty
 ~Alfred Tyson
 ~George Wibecan
 ~Thomas Carmichael
 ~William Wilson
 ~Leo L. Selling
 ~Stanley Terrell

BICC
 National Newark & Essex Bank
 Model Cities
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 First National State Bank
 Western Electric - Newark
 United States Savings Bank
 Mutual Benefit Life Insurance
 MEM
 Bamberger's - Newark
 Board of Education - Newark
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 N.J. College of Medicine & Dentistry
 RCA Corporation - Harrison
 Newark Human Rights Commission
 United Community Corp.
 Newark Human Rights Commission
 Rutgers
 Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce
 Newark Presbytery
 Public Service Elec. & Gas
 N.J. State Employment Service
 College of Medicine & Dentistry
 Community
 College of Medicine & Dentistry
 Peat, Marwick, & Mitchell
 Montclair Urban Coalition
 Fairchild Camera
 Newark Public Library
 N.J. Bell Telephone Company
 Essex County Welfare Board
 College of Medicine & Dentistry
 Prudential Insurance Company
 Community Information & Referral
 N.J. Bell Telephone Company
 N.J. Rehabilitation Commission
 Newark Star Ledger

*Guest Speaker

The BICC General Membership meeting was called to order by co-chairman Dick Proctor with self introduction of all present. Mr. Proctor called upon BICC's Executive Director to give his report.

Mr. Stewart reported on the additional 600 sq. ft. acquired by BICC at 36 Branford Place for expansion. The Director said he was very pleased with the progress of the expansion, and commented on the acquired green carpeting given by Mr. Neff from United States Savings Bank, Western Electric for electrical parts, and National Newark & Essex Bank for file cabinets, Prudential for money and Henry Rich Company from Linden, which will be giving ceiling material. He said help has been somewhat universal, including kids from a local poverty program coming in to help clean up. Two entrepreneurs helped bring in the carpet from the bank.

The Director hopes between now and the end of November to be opening the doors of the new premises. Mr. Stewart reported that much enthusiasm has been generated to run a 12 hour day program from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00p.m. at night, for after 5:00 interviews. Those who are already working will have a chance to apply for better employment or upgrading.

Mr. Stewart reported that support for its clerical program has come from Trenton, Commissioner of Labor Heyman, and locally Mr. Ralph Geller of NJSES. Through research, it was found that a backlog of 1500 applicants who wanted clerical training at the Skills Center would have to wait 1 1/2 years to get in. Consequently, a proposal was put together, by BICC's Director and Co-chairman, to get a Department of Labor funded program for Newark to alleviate the backlog.

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Another question was, "Have arrangements been made for students to make up lost time from school?" Her answer was no. Also "What is the status of decentralization?" She answered, the positions haven't been filled years, the Board has voted to fill these positions. The President said she asked the superintendent to hold off filling the positions, consisting of 5 associates plus clerical, costing \$204,000, to see where the money will be coming from.

Mrs. Fullilove was asked if there was any intent to publicize the non-involvement by the unions and she answered, she had asked the unions President to set and talk woman to woman. They had met in June and talked about teacher absenteeism and other important matters. The President said she may have to go over the teachers heads to the community to straighten out the problem. Teachers have to change their attitudes and parents must show more concern and get more involved said Mrs. Fullilove.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Parker